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houseWashington, DC -- Congressman Steve Rothman (D-NJ9) sent the following letters to the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey and the Federal Aviation Administration asking them to stop Indigo and AirServ Inc., both owned by NewWorldAir Holdings, Inc., from operating at Teterboro Airport.

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Mr. William R. DeCota
Director of Aviation
Port Authority of New York & New Jersey
225 Park Avenue South
Ninth Floor
New York, New York 10006

Dear Mr. DeCota:

houseI am writing to express my strong concerns and the concerns of my constituents about the announced operations of Indigo and AirServ Inc., both owned by NewWorldAir Holdings, Inc., at Teterboro Airport in New Jersey.

houseAs you know, Indigo has announced that on March 3, 2003, it will begin regular service between Teterboro Airport, which is located in my Congressional District, and Midway Airport in Chicago, Illinois. While Indigo claims to be an on-demand charter service, it has stated that it will "launch four daily round trips between Chicago Midway and New York/New Jersey Teterboro Airport." Enclosed please find copies of a press release and printouts from the Indigo website (where this information has been made public.

houseI believe the regular scheduling of four daily Indigo flights into and out of Teterboro violates the rules of Teterboro Airport, operated by the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey (PA), which prohibit regularly scheduled commercial flights for hire. Further, I am concerned that Indigo's security measures may be inadequate. While Indigo is selling seats to passengers over the Internet, by telephone, and through travel agents - just as commercial airlines do - Indigo may not have implemented security measures similar to those which screen passengers on commercial airlines at other airports.

houseI respectfully request that the Port Authority immediately review the activities of Indigo and Air Serv Inc., and use its full legal authority to stop their operations at Teterboro Airport -- immediately. I believe they are violating the rules of operation at Teterboro Airport by operating four daily regularly scheduled commercial flights for hire. Residents of Northern New Jersey, particularly those living near Teterboro Airport, are already subjected to an unreasonable assault of aircraft noise. Indigo's operations exacerbate this pressing problem and open the door to other unwanted scheduled commercial air services to use Teterboro Airport.

houseI appreciate your immediate attention to this matter. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Steven R. Rothman
Member of Congress

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Ms. Marion C. Blakey
Federal Aviation Administration
800 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, D.C. 20591

Dear Administrator Blakey:

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As you may know, Indigo has announced that on March 3, 2003, it will begin regular service between Teterboro Airport, which is located in my Congressional District, and Midway Airport in Chicago, Illinois. While Indigo claims to be an on-demand charter service, it has stated that it will "launch four daily round trips between Chicago Midway and New York/New Jersey Teterboro Airport." Enclosed please find copies of a press release and printouts from the Indigo website (where this information has been made public).

I believe the regular scheduling of four daily Indigo flights into and out of Teterboro violates the rules of Teterboro Airport, operated by the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey (PA), which prohibit regularly scheduled commercial flights for hire. This daily scheduling of four flights may also exceed the limits of Indigo and AirServ Inc.'s certification as an on-demand charter. Further, I am concerned that Indigo's security measures may be inadequate. While Indigo is selling seats to passengers over the Internet, by telephone, and through travel agents - just as commercial airlines do - Indigo may not have implemented security measures similar to those which screen passengers on commercial airlines at other airports.

I respectfully request that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) immediately review the activities of Indigo and Air Serv Inc., and use its full legal authority to stop their operations at Teterboro Airport -- immediately. I believe they are violating their FAA charter, rules of operation at Teterboro Airport, and other regulations by operating four daily regularly scheduled commercial flights for hire. Residents of Northern New Jersey, particularly those living near Teterboro Airport, are already subjected to an unreasonable assault of aircraft noise. Indigo's operations exacerbate this pressing problem and open the door to other unwanted scheduled commercial air services to use Teterboro Airport.

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